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REMOVING TODAY

IN PITTSBURG

Surface Traffic of City Tied Up By Big Strike

5,000 OUT IN YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Nearly a Hundred Thousand Take Part In New York's Greatest May Day Parade.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1.—Not a street car is running in Pittsburg today. Conference are in progress between the representatives of the men and officials of the company. All points have been agreed upon except that of wages. The men demand an increase of one cent an hour. There are 3100 men involved in the strike.

Youngstown, O., May 1.—Five thousand men are jobless here today, following the strike of 2000 machinists who have gone out for an eight-hour day and higher wages. At Akron a thousand carpenters have gone out.

New York, May 1.—The biggest May day parade in the history of the city took place today with nearly a hundred thousand persons in line. Most of those in the parade are striking employees in the rail making trade.

ACID THROWN IN WOMAN'S EYES

Mrs. Fannie Stivalski of Hoosick Falls in Serious Condition.

Hoosick Falls, April 30.—Mrs. Fannie Stivalski of Hoosick Falls is in a critical condition at the Troy hospital suffering from burns caused by acid which was thrown in her face last night. Adam Bullock, a neighbor, is under arrest in Hoosick Falls charged with throwing the acid.

Mrs. Stivalski told the police Bullock came to her home about 11:30 last night and when she went to the door, in response to his knock, took a bottle from his pocket and dashed the contents into her face, without saying a word.

The sight of the woman's right eye was destroyed and Dr. Thomas McGrath of Hoosick Falls and Dr. Edward A. Stapleton of Albany who attended her, fear the left eye may be blinded.

Bullock refused to make any statement when arraigned before Police Justice Scott this morning on a charge of maiming. Bullock is married.

481 SHIPS LOST BY ALLIES

Toll Taken by U-Boats from Beginning of War to March 23.

Washington, April 29.—British figures on the effects of the U-boat campaign, as reported by Consul General Skinner at London, show only a small deduction from grand totals existing before the war began. The whole loss inflicted on British steam shipping down to March 23, after nineteen months of war, was less than 4 per cent of numbers and a little over six per cent of tonnage.

The losses of steamships among the belligerents were: Great Britain 379 vessels and 1,320,171 tons; France, 41 vessels and 1,398,805 tons; Belgium, 10 vessels and 29,861 tons; Russia, 27 vessels and 42,226 tons; Italy, 21 vessels and 79,221 tons; Japan, 3 vessels and 19,267 tons, or a total of 481 vessels for the belligerents and 1,621,621 tons. There have been 67 sailing vessels belonging to all belligerents lost, with a tonnage of 48,278.

Shipping has been continued during the war, and the losses of vessels have been made up. The steam shipping of Great Britain is reported to have increased during the war over the figures of 1914 by 88 vessels and 343,616 tons. France has sustained a net loss of only 9 steamers and 12 tons from the figures of 1914. Russia has 3 steamers less in the net result, but a gain of 902 in tonnage. In Italy there has been a gain of 18 vessels and of 83,156 tons.

Neutral countries have lost a total of 155 vessels and 292,721 tons.

HOLDS UP COMPULSION BILL

Opposition of Irish and Labor Leads Asquith to Drop Plan.

London, April 27.—Walter Long, president of the Local Government Board, speaking in the House of Commons today gave the particulars of the military service bill outlined by Premier Asquith on Tuesday, but not dealing with general compulsion.

Strong opposition developed, led by Sir Edward Carson and Labor members, on the ground of the unfairness of retaining men whose time had expired while some others were not obliged to serve the country.

As a result of the opposition, coupled with the difficult situation in Ireland, Mr. Asquith announced that the Government would not press the introduction of the bill.

SOME INTERESTING CORSETS

The E. L. Nichols Store Has Relics of Women's Dress on Exhibition

In connection with their present showing of corset styles, the E. L. Nichols store have an interesting window display at their Main street store of corsets and accessories used over a century ago.

The main relic is a pair of corsets worn 140 years ago by a lady of the Olin family. The stays are made of wood covered on the outside by unbleached linen and on the inside by lard. They will weigh five times what the average corset of the present day will weigh.

Another interesting exhibit consists of three wooden stays, whittled by hand from walnut which were used in place of corsets by women who could not afford the luxury of the latter. These are about 60 years old. Many elderly women now living can remember when wooden stays were used, of home manufacture, instead of purchasing the more expensive bodices.

Saturday a person, who was interested in the display brought in a piece of flat wood about three inches wide, 10 inches long and an eighth of an inch thick, who stated that such lumber was worn a hundred years ago by the duties of the period under their shirt fronts to keep the garments from "bunching up" on their manly bosoms. The relic was hand carved with fantastic designs and had been the property of a sea captain in the early part of the 19th century.

COUNTY NOMINATIONS

Primary Petitions Must Be Filed Not Later Than Aug. 22.

County Clerk J. J. Shakhobor has received from Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey a statement relative to the filing of nomination petitions for county offices. The last day for filing petitions is August 22.

According to the provisions of the primary act the number of signatures for each office must equal two per cent of the number of votes cast for all the candidates for each office at the last preceding election. The figures in Bennington county are as follows:

Total 2 P. C.

Senator 7240 145

Assistant Judges 7182 144

State's Attorney 3694 74

High Bailiff 3542 71

Sheriff 3592 74

Judge of Probate (south shire) 2239 45

Judge of Probate (north shire) 911 19

CASTLETON SUMMER SCHOOL

Practical Instruction in Teaching Will Be Given.

A state summer school for teachers will be held at Castleton normal school for three weeks June 27th to July 15th. The purpose of this summer school is to help those who are new teaching to become better teachers. In the last few years, the importance and value of this summer school to Vermont teachers has grown appreciably. This school will help the teacher who wishes new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. Methods of teaching, practical suggestions will be given. Two recitations a day will be given in each subject and thus, six weeks work accomplished in three. Each day there is a conference period when the teachers are able to meet the instructors for personal questions. The expenses are very slight.

The subjects taught include all the elementary school subjects as reading, numbers, language, spelling, music method in the primary grades, drawing, history, geography, nature study, arithmetic and English. Instruction will also be given in the Palmer method of penmanship by a teacher of long experience. Rural school problems and management will be taken up by one instructor and games will also be taught.

The instructors include Margaret M. Cotton, principal and critic teacher of the Grove street state training school, Providence, R. I.; Ruth Lyman, principal of rural training school, North Adams, Mass.; state normal; Anna M. Pierce, supervisor of drawing North Andover, Mass.; Professor R. L. Smith of the state normal school, and critic teacher in the state normal school at Salem, Mass.; Anna McCormick of the Castleton normal school. A large attendance is looked for. Inquiries should be addressed to Principal Charles A. Adams, Castleton, Vt.

DETAIN NORWEGIAN SHIP

British Hold Vessel Carrying an American Cargo.

Copenhagen, April 27.—The social Democrats say that the British authorities have detained at Klerkwall a Norwegian steamship carrying 30,000 barrels of American rye to the Danish Government, the detention being on the ground that the ship was bought from Holland and the Dutch owners paid in German money.

The newspaper hopes that Great Britain will not detain the cargo, which is guaranteed by the Danish Government not to be sold out of Denmark.

WEATHER FORECAST

Rain late tonight. Tuesday probably fair and colder. West and north west winds.

OPERATORS OFFER WAGE INCREASE TO COAL MINERS

Means \$9,000,000 More in Earnings for Four-Year Period

SETTLEMENT NEAR AT HAND

Agreement, for First Time, Recognizes Right of Men to Organize for Better Conditions.

New York, May 1.—Wage concessions, which would increase the anthracite mine workers' payroll by approximately \$9,000,000 in the next four years, are offered in the tentative agreement reached here early yesterday by a joint sub-committee of operators and miners. It was learned last night. The agreement, it was predicted by both sides, in all probability will be accepted by the tri-district board representing the miners at their meeting here today.

The agreement, if accepted by the district board and ratified by the miners' convention at Pottsville, Pa., tomorrow will be signed jointly by the operators and the United Mine Workers of America. The former agreement was signed by the mine leaders for the miners.

Representatives of the miners declared last night that the new agreement, which will cover a four-year period, means the biggest triumph in point of concessions ever obtained by the miners. The operators for the first time have granted to the miners the right to organize for bettering conditions in the coal fields, the leaders asserted.

The increase in wages virtually amounts to 15 1/2 per cent for day workers, according to the miners, who pointed out that the granting of the demand for an eight-hour instead of a nine-hour workday added 12 1/2 per cent to the 3 per cent increase for day workers and the 7 per cent increase for contract miners embodied in the proposed new contract.

J. M. Barber is in Troy today on business.

Mr. Burham of Boston was a recent visitor in town.

H. S. Walbridge is still confined to his home by illness.

Charles Chase is critically ill at his home on Greenwich street.

Main street is being put in good condition with a covering of gravel.

A. C. Torrance of Bennington is visiting at the home of Mrs. Emerette Mattison.

Dr. D. A. Gleason has purchased a 1916 Maxwell touring car of W. M. Marshall.

Miss Helen and Hilda Rockwood were week end guests of their sister, Mrs. J. L. Dunham.

Mrs. Thomas Dunlap of South Shaftsbury was the guest of Mrs. G. S. Mattison Saturday.

Wayne Spencer of Waterbury and Leon Spencer of University Vermont, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Spencer.

Harry Farnham of Marshall's garage, was called to West Arlington Friday, to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. L. J. Farnham.

Harry Wentworth has returned to Orange, Mass., having visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wentworth.

Wm. Powers has moved from Mechanic St. to Bennington, where he is employed on the Colgate property.

At the close of the Sunday School session at the Baptist church, Sunday a very pretty missionary exercise entitled "The Seven Wonders of the World" was given by twenty-two boys and girls under the direction of the Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. Minna P. Endress.

The ladies' missionary society of the Congregational church will hold a food sale in the kitchen of their church Saturday afternoon, May 6th at 3 o'clock. There will be for sale rolls, brown bread, baked beans, doughnuts, cookies and cakes. Orders can be phoned before Wednesday evening to Mrs. B. T. Henry, 134-R or Mrs. R. A. Jones, 128-W.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. which would occur Wednesday, May 3, will be omitted on account of the county convention which will be held in Pownal on the same date. There will be an all day session commencing at 10 a. m. Delegates should leave North Bennington on the 8 o'clock car. A large delegation will probably attend. Mrs. Van Vechton, a national temperance worker, will be one of the speakers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

"IN OLD VERMONT"

Colonial Play to Be Given Tomorrow Evening.

The play "In Old Vermont" which will be given Tuesday evening in Library hall is most distinctive and novel. Written by one of the best novelists of the day who is at the same time a member of one of the old families of Bennington county, is a masterpiece in itself and at the same time is full of local interest and atmosphere for Bennington people.

At the close of the revolution Vermont existed as an independent republic with a legislature of its own but the time came when even Green Mountain Boys felt as Ellmore Allen, nephew of the famous Ethan Allen and one of the chief characters of the play expressed it "that from all I hear, this man from Virginia, General Washington is a pretty good man to follow. We've got to cast our lot with somebody because if we don't, the other countries will eat us up alive. I shouldn't be surprised if both the United States and Canada should grow to be a whole sight bigger than Vermont and then where'd we be?"

The play endeavors to give an accurate picture of life in those days when wolves stole the pigs and it was told as a matter of news that it had been found possible for "white folks to live even way out in York state where the Monawks come from."

The log cabin in which the scene is laid has been made specially for this occasion out of real Vermont spruce and all the details have been correspondingly worked out. The music will be furnished by stringed instruments according to the old custom before the days of pianos, much of it being traditional in Bennington county. The play too, is rich in true Vermont humor and every detail has been made perfect through the excellent coaching of Mrs. Arthur Elliot. The cast is as follows:

Grannie Baker, a loyal subject of King George, Mrs. William Willis

Mr. Burton, the first settler of Arlington G. P. Endress

Mrs. Burton Mrs. G. P. Endress

Priscilla Burton Jane Burgess

Ellmore Allen, nephew of Ethan Allen, Irving Hare

Nate Hard, the fiddler, Will Andrews

Equanok, son of Chief Keethan E. S. Buss

Equanok's son Channing Hare

Equanok's squaw Florence Walbridge

Simon Jewett, the school master

Etijah Perry, Peter Mattison

Marl Burton Perry E. E. Bottom

Ruth Perry Mrs. H. W. Tirrel

Paul Perry Ethel Davenport

Katherine Perry Paul Howe

Katherine Field, Cecil Anis

Abijah Perry J. Lawrence Griswold

Ezekiel Canfield E. C. Bennett

Deborah Burton Canfield

Mary Canfield Florence Carver

Elizabeth Canfield Margaret O'Hearn

Sally Canfield Katherine Field

John Canfield LeRoy Robinson

Samuel Canfield LeRoy Macomber

Gay Seales Dean Martin

Prudence Seales Mrs. L. H. Ross

Stephen Seales William Braisted

William Seales Earl Chase

Debby Seales May Gaudette

Simon Seales Edwin Person

POPE FEARS A BREAK

But Hopes America Will Keep Out of War and Aid Peace.

Rome, April 29.—The Pope is following closely every stage in the controversy between America and Germany, but is adhering strictly to a policy of neutrality. He has not expressed any opinion regarding the merits of the dispute, much less had he used or will use his influence on either side. His Holiness, however, is gravely preoccupied. In the first place, because he is relying on the influence of America which he has described as being pre-eminent among the neutral nations, to move when an opportunity comes for peace; second, because a rupture of diplomatic relations would hinder the magnificent American work on behalf of sufferers in the war, especially diplomatic work on behalf of the prisoners. In this connection I am informed that, in the case of a rupture, the Pope will endeavor to organize more thoroughly the existing activity of Catholic Bishops throughout Europe to safeguard the wellbeing of prisoners in the concentration camps.

MRS. ROGERS ACQUITTED

New York Mother Who Poisoned Her Two Children.

New York, April 26.—Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters Rogers, who poisoned her two children on Dec. 29, 1914, was given her freedom in Supreme Court here today after a jury had acquitted her of the murder of her two years old son, John. The verdict was "not guilty on the ground of insanity." After the verdict was returned the court dismissed, upon motion of the district attorney's office, another indictment charging her with the murder of her daughter, Lorinda, eight months old.

Mrs. Rogers collapsed when the foreman of the jury announced the verdict. She quickly recovered her composure, however, and left the courtroom with the man who is now her husband and who was the father of her children.

"We are going somewhere where there are flowers," Rogers reported, when asked their plans.

MAIN BAND OF SINN FEIN REBELS HAS SURRENDERED

"Provisional President" Pearce Gives Order to Lay Down Arms

TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED

Official Statement Says "The Backbone of the Rebellion Has Been Broken."

London, May 1.—A dispatch from Kingstown, Ireland, yesterday says that the main body of the Sinn Fein rebels in Dublin surrendered during the course of the day. There was, however, considerable fighting through out Sunday in Dublin and the suburbs. It was especially severe at Balls Bridge, outside Dublin. The rebels in the college of Surgeons surrendered yesterday morning. One of the prisoners taken here was the Countess Markievicz.

The proclamation issued by "Provisional President" Pearce advising the surrender of all the rebels follows: "In order to prevent the further slaughter of unarmed people and in the hope of saving the lives of our followers, who are surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered, the members of the provisional government at headquarters have agreed to unconditional surrender and the commanders of all the units of the republican forces will order their followers to lay down their arms."

(Signed) "Pearce."

An official announcement issued last evening concerning the situation in Ireland says: "Seven hundred and seven prisoners have been taken, including the Countess Markievicz."

Another official statement issued last night by the British press bureau said: "Messengers have been sent from the leader of the Dublin rebels to other rebels in Galway, Clare, Wexford, Louth and Dublin counties ordering them to surrender." An official statement issued last night by the official press bureau regarding the rebellion in Ireland says: "The rebels are surrendering freely. The back of the rebellion has been broken."

TOWNSEND'S ARMY CAPTURED

British Expedition Into Mesopotamia a Complete Failure.

Berlin, May 1.—Four British generals and 510 British and Indian officers were among the prisoners who surrendered when the Turks captured Gen. Townsend's army at Kut-el-Amara according to advices received today from Constantinople.

London, May 1.—The British army which advanced the river Tigris in Mesopotamia in an effort to reach Bagdad has surrendered to the Turks. After a resistance of 143 days and the failure of relief expeditions to forward supplies Gen. Townsend was forced to surrender.

STRIKERS UNDER ARREST

Charged With Intimidating Scale Workers in Rutland.

Rutland, April 27.—Three of the Italian laborers who struck yesterday at the plant of the Howe Scale works when 140 men walked out after demanding more pay and union recognition, were arrested this afternoon by the sheriff's department for intimidating workmen by threatening their lives if they did not stop work. No strikes occurred in any other departments today but because of the loss of their helpers who were included in the striking contingent the moulders to the number of over 100 were obliged to suspend work and the foundry was closed. The company has a number of large orders underway and unless the matter is adjusted soon will be seriously inconvenienced as the machine shops cannot run more than two or three days without the moulders' co-operation.

This was pay day at the plant and the arrests occurred this afternoon when the strikers assembled for their envelopes. Every available deputy sheriff, a corps of special policemen, State's Attorney C. V. Poulin, Commissioner of Public Safety George E. Chalmers and Mayor B. L. Stafford were at the plant at this time and it was then that the arrests occurred. All approaches to the works were picked early this morning and the Italians succeeded in getting several men who had started for work to turn back.

There is no prospect of an immediate settlement.

Paris, April 29.—The Crown Prince today launched another general attack in the Verdun region, particularly directed against hill 304. The assault, according to the official communique, was repulsed.

The attack had been expected by French military strategists for several days.

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